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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA SUGGESTS  
RAMPHAL AS MEDIATOR FOR SWAPO DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

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1. AS REPORTED SEPARATELY, SEAN MCBRIDE ASKED TO SEE ME  
TO RESPOND TO CRITICISM OF HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN LUSAKA  
(REFTEL). HE TOOK THE OCCASION TO INFORM US OF HIS PROPOSAL  
FOR INVOLVING SWAPO IN DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HE  
SAID, SINCE NO ARRANGEMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA COULD  
BE VIABLE WITHOUT SWAPO PARTICIPATION, IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO  
INVOLVE SWAPO IN PROCESS NOW GOING ON. MCBRIDE'S SUGGESTION  
IS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS MEET WITH SWAPO REPRESENTA-  
TIVES OUTSIDE OF NAMIBIA AND THAT THE INTERMEDIARY AT MEETINGS  
BE SONNY RAMPHAL, SECRETARY GENERAL OF COMMONWEALTH.  
MCBRIDE SAID RAMPHAL'S OUTSTANDING ABILITIES AS NEGOTIATOR

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WOULD MAKE HIM EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR ROLE AS ARBITOR BETWEEN

TWO PARTIES. HE NOTED RAMPHAL IS PARTICULARLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE AFRICANS WHOSE SUPPORT IS SO IMPORTANT.

2. MACBRIDE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED HIS PROPOSAL WITH SWAPO

LEADERSHIP AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA, BOTH OF WHOM ACCEPTED THE SUGGESTION. HE WOULD ALSO DISCUSS IT WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE WHEN HE MET WITH HIM WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS.

3. I CONFINED MY RESPONSE TO TAKING NOTE OF HIS SUGGESTION WITHOUT PROMISING EVEN TO REPORT IT.

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